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Dear Ms. Moore:

It is with a broken heart that I extend to you my deepest apology for the trauma you experience in 1993 both at the hands of your rapist and the hands of the Cleveland Police Department.

No one and especially no child should have to endure the pain and abuse you endured by such criminals or from the law enforcement system that was supposed to support you.

I personally apologize to you because I was the Safety Director for the City of Cleveland in 1993 when you suffered the rejection of your case by members of the police department. During my four-year tenure as Safety Director from 1990 through 1993, citizens would often bring their complaints regarding the Department to me. Often these complaints would come from community activist who stood as the voice of those who felt abused by the system. How I wish there had been an advocate for you. I believe in my heart that as a woman and the mother of two daughters, one of whom would also have been 12 year old in 1993, that I would, to the best of my ability, tried to right the wrong you suffered. But, nevertheless, what happened to you is inexcusable and it occurred on my watch and this apology is due you.

I thank you for the courage you have shown to come forward and tell your story. It is my hope that your story, along with those of other courageous victims and with the initiative of Prosecutor Tim McGinty, will ignite a catalyst of change in this city to purge our system of its inequities and complacency at every level of law enforcement. I hope that our leaders are listening, for it is only through strong action that we can seize this opportunity for Clevelanders to become the best that we can be.

Sincerely,


Carolyn W. Allen